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MEMORANDUM

TO: All Master Plumbers

FROM: Tim House
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RE: Plumbing Permit Regulations

Attached you will find amendments to 815 KAR 20:050--Installation Permits in the Kentucky State Plumbing Code. The Public Protection Cabinet will be filing these changes on October 1, 2009, both as an ordinary regulation and an emergency regulation. The emergency regulation will take effect immediately upon filing. .

Also attached you will find amendments to 815 KAR 20:195 – Medical gas piping installations; these amendments have completed the regulatory process and will be implemented on October 1, 2009, as well.

The necessary changes to the online permitting program for plumbing permits effective October 1, 2009 are being made. Due to the complexity of the fee structure for medical gas permits, these permits must be purchased at the health department office having jurisdiction over the project.

You may access the Department's website at www.dhbc.ky.gov for information on our inspectors, office staff, the Kentucky State Plumbing Code and applicable forms.

815 KAR 20:050. Installation permits.

RELATES TO: KRS 318.030, 318.134, 318.160

STATUTORY AUTHORITY: KRS 318.030, 318.134

NECESSITY, FUNCTION, AND CONFORMITY: KRS 318.134 requires the office to establish a reasonable schedule of fees and charges to be paid for plumbing installation permits and the necessary inspections incident thereto. This administrative regulation establishes the fees and charges for plumbing installation permits in Kentucky.

Section 3. Plumbing Installation Permit Fees. (1) The base fee for each plumbing installation permit for residential, one (1) and two (2) family units, shall be forty-five (45) dollars plus:

(a) Seven (7) dollars for each plumbing fixture or appliance or plumbing fixture opening or appliance opening left in the soil or waste pipe system including openings left for future fixtures or appliances;

(b) Seven (7) dollars for each domestic water heater; and

(c) Seven (7) dollars for each separately metered water and sewer service if more than one (1) water or sewer service is to be installed.

(2) The base fee for each plumbing installation permit for other than residential, one (1) and two (2) family units, shall be forty-five (45) dollars plus;

(a) Ten (10) dollars for each plumbing fixture or appliance or plumbing fixture opening or appliance opening left in the soil or waste pipe system including openings left for future fixtures or appliances;

(b) Ten (10) dollars for each domestic water heater;

(c) Ten (10) dollars for each conductor opening; and

(d) Ten (10) dollars for each separately metered water and sewer service if more than one (1) water or sewer service is to be installed.

(3) If only one (1) new domestic water heater is installed or replaced within a single building, the only fee for the plumbing installation permit shall be forty-five (45) dollars. Alternatively, if more than one (1) water heater is replaced within a building, a permit shall be issued under Sections 1 or 2 of this administrative regulation.

(4) If the application for permit does not include any new installation but is to make corrections to or provide testing for an installation made by someone else, the permit fee shall be the base fee of forty-five (45) dollars only.

815 KAR 20:195. Medical gas piping installations.

Section 1. Definitions. (1) "Health care facility" means a hospital, nursing home, limited care facility, clinic, ambulatory care center, or office practice medical or dental office as defined in NFPA 99C.

(2) "Medical gas piping" means a permanent fixed piping system in a health care facility which is used to convey oxygen, nitrous oxide, nitrogen, carbon dioxide, helium, medical air and mixtures of these gases from its source to the point of use and includes the fixed piping associated with a medical, surgical or gas scavenging vacuum system, as well as a bedside suction system.

(3) "NFPA" means the National Fire Protection Association.

Section 2. Standards and Procedures. (1) Installation standards. A new medical gas piping installation or an addition to an existing medical gas piping system shall comply with the applicable provisions of "NFPA 99C, Standard on Gas and Vacuum Systems, 2002 Edition".

(2) Permit required. The licensed master plumber shall make application for a permit to install medical gas piping prior to the installation. To obtain the permit, the master plumber shall:

(a) Pay a fee of thirty-five (35) dollars base permit for the medical gas system for each building;

(b) Pay a fee of five (5) dollars per opening; and

(c) Identify the person who shall perform the installation. The person making the installation shall be a certified medical gas installer as required by NFPA 99C as well as a licensed journeyman plumber.

(3) Supervision of the master. It shall be the responsibility of the licensed master plumber to assure that the person doing the installation:

(a) Is properly certified as required by NFPA 99C;

(b) Uses the proper products and stores them correctly; and

(c) Requests and receives all inspections at the initial pressure test for the complete system from a certified state plumbing inspector.

(4) Final approval. Upon completion of the installation, the master plumber shall furnish the Division of Plumbing with certification from the medical gas system verifier as required by NFPA 99C

Section 3. Incorporation by Reference. (1) "NFPA 99C Standard on Gas and Vacuum Systems", 2002 Edition, National Fire Protection Association, is incorporated by reference.

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(3) A copy may also be obtained by contacting the National Fire Protection Association, 1 Batterymarch Park, P.O. Box 9101, Quincy, Massachusetts 02269-9101.